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SUBJ: US-JAPANESE CONSULTATIONS ON UNGA AGENDA: SOVIET
MISREPRESENTATION OF US POSITION ON NUF

1. DURING US-JAPAN DISCUSSION AUG 30 OF DISARMAMENT
ITEMS ON 28TH UNGA AGENDA, SOVIET TACTICS WERE CONSIDERED
IN SOME DETAIL. IN THAT CONNECTION, JAPANESE SIDE
REPORTED AUG 21-22 VISIT TO TOKYO OF Y.N. CHERNYAKOV,
IDENTIFIED AS GENERAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF USSR. VISITING SOV OFFICIAL HAD GIVEN USUAL
SOV EMPHASIS TO DISARMAMENT ITEMS AND HAD IN USUAL THOROUGH
FASHION STRESSED CORRECTNESS OF SOV VIEWS AND URGED
JAPANESE SUPPORT OF VARIOUS SOV INITIATIVES IN THIS FIELD.

2. WITH RESPECT NON-USE OF FORCE ITEM, JAPANESE (OWADA)
SAID CHERNYAKOV TOLD VICEMIN HOGEN ON AUG 22 THAT UNDER
LANGUAGE AGREED TO IN NIXON-BREZHNEV COMMUNIQUE USG HAD
INDICATED ITS ACCEPTANCE OF NUF FORMULATION. IN VIEW
PREVIOUS STRONG US OPPOSITION TO NUF, JAPANESE
WONDERED IF US HAD IN FACT NOW CHANGED ITS VIEWPOINT.

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3. POPPER AND BENNETT LOST NO TIME IN SETTING RECORD

STRAIGHT ON NUF AND STRESSING THIS WAS SOVIET MISREPRESENTATION OF US POSITION. IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT USG CONSIDERS NUF PRIMARILY A SOVIET PROPAGANDA MANEUVER WHICH DIFFERS FUNDAMENTALLY FROM US-SOVIET AGREEMENTS LOOKING TO REMOVING DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR AND THAT US OPPOSITION TO NUF CONTINUES.

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